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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 5241

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNRWA COMGEN TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA

REF: STATE 92850

1. UNRWA COMMISSIONER GENERAL, SIR JOHN RENNIE, HAS INFORMED US HE PLANS TRAVEL TO SAUDI ARABIA EVENING APRIL 24. COMGEN REALIZES FRIDAY IS HOLIDAY BUT IS TRAVELLING TO RIYADH TO BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS SET FOR HIM SATURDAY MORN. BY UNDP OFFICE THERE.

2. PURPOSE OF COMGEN'S VISIT IS TO FOLLOW UP PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS (PRIOR TO ASSASSINATION OF KING FAYSAL) WITH SAG OFFICIALS RE POSSIBLE SAUDI (AND OTHER ARAB) ASSISTANCE IN MEETING AGENCY'S CRITICAL FINANCIAL CRISIS. COMGEN SAYS HE HAS AUDIENCE LINED UP WITH KING AND FONMIN OFFICIAL (HE NOT CERTAIN WHO).

3. WE ANXIOUS FOR SIR JOHN TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY MEET SAG OFFICIALS WHO CAN EFFECTIVELY AID HIS
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CAUSE AND HAVE ADVISED HIM, IF POSSIBLE, DISCUSS

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS WITH EMBASSY JIDDA. HE
HAS NAME OF DCM HORAN AND PROBABLY WILL CONTACT
EMBASSY FOR ADVICE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
ASSISTANCE OR GUIDANCE JIDDA CAN PROVIDE IN
FACILITATING HIS MISSION.

4. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 23 WITH EMBOFF, COMGEN
SAID HIS CONTACT IN SAUDI ARABIA WILL BE
FRED THOMAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UNDP OFFICE.
WHILE HE DOES NOT HAVE COMPLETE ITINERARY, HE
SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING FLY TO JIDDA IF NECESSARY
TO CONFER WITH HORAN.
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